



Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

Tony Evers, Governor | Mary M. Kolar, Secretary

November 5, 2020

Dear Union Grove Members, Friends, and Family:

I'd like to start today by thanking all of you for your support of our staff and others who are working tirelessly to care for everyone here. For nearly nine months, all of us, including you, have been adapting to our new reality. The changes we've made on campus have not been easy and we all long for days like those before this virus struck. We truly hope that you are doing well.

As you know, we are all doing our best to provide top quality care to our members. Given the prevalence of COVID-19 in Wisconsin and the high positivity rates of the virus in our surrounding areas, with 133 residents and 200 staff on campus keeping the virus out of our Home is an ongoing battle. The state reported yesterday an additional 5,935 cases of COVID-19, setting a daily record for the most since the pandemic began. These are not the type of record-setting numbers we like to see.

Today I must report that one employee has tested positive for COVID-19. This is our first positive test since our last update on October 26, 2020. I am grateful to be able to report there are currently no members with COVID-19. We continue to test staff twice per week.

Of course, as always, I implore you to protect yourself by staying home when possible, maintaining six feet of distance from others when you must go out, wearing a mask, and washing your hands regularly. Thank you for doing your part. We are all in this together.

Finally, as a reminder, if you would like to receive this communication digitally, I encourage you to visit www.WisVetsEmail.com and provide us with your name, email address, and/or cell phone number. Initially, this will not replace paper communications, but we want to be able to provide these updates to you as quickly as possible. We will eventually be transitioning away from paper communications.

Sincerely,

Erin Johnston
Commandant